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We send out a regular ministry update about work and life to those who are interested. Through the updates we hope to give a better picture of everyday life in the mission field. Many of those who receive our updates have committed to praying for us and to supporting us financially. You can receive the updates by e-mail (subscribe here) or by regular mail (send us an [e-mail](#)). [From this link](#) you can read some of our updates from early 2006.

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Pouring rain, muddy roads ... we are back in Costa Rica! We spent two good months in Finland visiting family, friends and supporters. Besides vacation, part of the purpose of our trip was furlough, to build relationships with churches and supporters and to raise our monthly financial support. We also worked on our web page; you can check it out at www.pampa.fi.

FAMILY

It wasn't hard to get back into usual family routine after our trip. The kids went back to school immediately (Troy right after finishing Finnish first grade by home schooling) and have enjoyed being back with their friends again. Julia has continued ballet classes and Troy is playing more soccer. The school year here will finish in December, so they have few more months to go before a well-earned summer break from Costa Rican and Finnish schools.

Salla's pregnancy has been blessed and protected. Despite of all the travelling, there have been no complications at all. We are going to pregnancy control in Heredia (about 4 hours away) once a month, hoping the baby will not be bothered by all the bumps and holes of the bad Costa Rican roads. If everything goes well, Salla will go to Heredia mid-November and a trustworthy doctor in a public hospital will operate her on November 28th. We don't want to know the sex of the baby beforehand, so it will be a surprise to all of us.

MINISTRY

Ministry has gone really well since we returned. Maybe it is about refreshing your vision and getting a break, or then it is just about God's timing. The people have been so open to us and clearly shown interest in God and spiritual growth. Almost daily God gives us opportunities to share His Living Word with individuals and we have many growing friendships in the villages. We started again the Saturday afternoon youth meetings. In the first meeting we asked them to write down things they want to learn or areas they want to grow in. Reading their papers amazed us; they are so hungry for God, they really want to have a personal encounter with Him!

We have also started English classes at the Caballito School and computer classes at Corral de Piedra School. The teachers have asked us to teach the students and parents about God, life and values. There are so many broken families, broken identities and lack of values.

Diego has started regular soccer coaching and playing with one soccer team, which gives him the opportunity to share with them also outside of the field. The other night all of the players came over for a movie, now they are starting to attend youth meetings and we are working on starting an English class for them.

We are learning about a project to produce gas with pigs. It is a simple and affordable system; we hope to help families here start using it. They could cook for free, make money from growing pigs and even produce electricity. We have had few meetings with families interested and this week Diego is taking them to see a farm that is already using a similar system. Other projects we want to learn more about is growing organic vegetables, growing fish and rural tourism. We believe projects like this could really help the population here and they are part of the development towards a community transformation that God wants to make happen.

In our last update we shared about raising funds for buying a boat to be able to take help to flooded areas. We are thankful that it hasn't rained that bad yet this year, but we want to be prepared at all times. God has already provided \$ 2500, so we are missing \$ 3000 more to purchase a boat with motor for the YWAM ministry here in Guanacaste.

As a family we had also been praying about selling all our vehicles to buy a four wheeler (perfect for transportation between villages on small gravel roads) and one good family car. Yesterday we received a phone call from a friend saying they want to give us a 2005 Kawasaki four wheeler! Now it is on our yard and has already been used for ministry today! God is so good! Now we are looking at our car situation, hoping to sell our two cars for a good price to buy a good family car that would seat at least 7 passengers. We need a car that is in a good condition and pretty new. Right now, having to continuously fix small things and find spare parts for two cars is taking too much money and Diego's time.

This Saturday we are receiving an outreach team of 11 participants from Wisconsin. It will be a busy week with intercession, teaching in churches, Bible studies, food distribution and evangelism to 150 families, community service and youth ministry.

End of October Diego is going to travel to Encenada, Mexico via California. There is a YWAM conference and it is important for at least him to go, since the rest of us cannot travel due to the pregnancy and school. Would you consider sponsoring us for this trip? The necessary expenses will be at least \$1000 including airfare and the conference fee.

Here are some of our prayer requests. It is very important for us to have your prayer support!

- Pregnancy, that the mother and the baby would continue in good health for the last two months
- Pray for the youth, that God would meet them and use us to teach them
- The Wisconsin team outreach, for God to use each one of them
- Thank God for all His blessings and provisions, including the four wheeler. Ask God to help us purchase the car we need.
- Provision for the conference in Mexico
- All the contacts and moments of sharing we have with the people in the villages. God has promised to give us the right words when we need them; pray that we would be connected to Him as we relate to the people!

Please be checking the web-site for news, pictures, testimonies etc! Thank you for your financial gifts that help us cover our living expenses as we serve in the mission field!

Serving in Costa Rica,

Diego, Salla, Troy, Julia and Baby Silva

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On a separate paper write: for the support of Diego Silva

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